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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7742

INFO AMEMBASSY SUVA

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DEPT FOR EA/ANP

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AMERICAN SAMOA FOR GOVERNOR HAYDON

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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO NEW ZEALAND OF AMBASSADOR SELDEN

REF: VANDIVIER/MORRISSY TELECON

1. FOL REFTTELECON HOWARD LANGE, VANCE HALL, PHIL VANDIVIER AND I STUDIED THE SCHEDULES AND GIVEN THE DEARTH OF AIRLINE FLIGHTS IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY IN AND OUT OF TONGA, A FOUR DAY EASTER WEEKEND, DURING WHICH NO BUSINESS CAN BE TRANSACTED, AND THE CONSTRAINTS ESTABLISHED BY DATES ON WHICH AMBASSADOR SELDEN IS TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS WE RECOMMEND THAT WESTERN SAMOA BE BY-PASSED AND AMBASSADOR SELDEN PLAN TO RETURN TO APIA AND PAGO PAGO IN EARLY MAY TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS IN WESTERN SAMOA AND CALL ON GOVERNOR HAYDON IN PAGO PAGO. WE SUGGEST THE FOL SCHEDULE:

LEAVE HONOLULU SAT. APRIL 6 1325 CP-301

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ARRIVE NANDI SUN. APRIL 7 1750

LEAVE NANDI TUES. APRIL 9 0715 FJ-122/400
ARRIVE TONGA 1110
LEAVE TONGA FRI. APRIL 12 1300 FJ-403/129
ARRIVE SUVA 1410
LEAVE SUVA SAT. APRIL 20 1030 FJ-404
ARRIVE NANDI 1100
LEAVE NANDI 1200 TE -539
ARRIVE AUCKLAND 1455
LEAVE AUCKLAND TUES. APRIL 23 1440 NAC-459
ARRIVE WELLINGTON 1520

2. UPON ARRIVAL IN NANDI, THE AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY
COULD BE MET BY CAR AND DRIVER AND DRIVEN TO FIJIAN
HOTEL, A RESORT APPROX ONE AND A HALF
(1 1/2) HOURS FROM NANDI AND RETURN LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON,
OVERNIGHT IN NANDI IN ORDER TO CATCH THE FLIGHT TO
TONGA TUESDAY MORNING OR WEEKEND COULD BE SPENT IN
RESORT HOTEL AT NANDI. VANCE HALL WOULD BOARD THE
TONGA FLIGHT WHEN THE PLANE STOPS AT SUVA ENROUTE.
UPON ARRIVAL IN SUVA FROM TONGA ON GOOD FRIDAY,
AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY COULD BE DRIVEN TO BEACHCOMBER
HOTEL, ABOUT THIRTY MILES FROM SUVA, AND REMAIN THERE
UNTIL MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

3. TONGA HAS INDICATED THAT CREDENTIALS CAN BE
PRESENTED ANYTIME DURING WEEK OF APRIL 8. AN EXACT
DATE WILL BE CONFIRMED AFTER VANCE HALL RETURNS TO
SUVA FROM WELLINGTON. THE DATE IN FIJI IS APRIL 17
AND IN AUCKLAND APRIL 22. SINCE AIRLINE BOOKINGS
ARE VERY TIGHT IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY AT EASTERTIME,
WE RECOMMEND EARLY ACTION IN REQUESTING RESERVATIONS.
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